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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 44, line 29 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Figure 5 depicts the generation of pEYK2 retroviral vector. Figure 5A depicts the pMX vector which contains an extended gag region and a lethal stuffer sequence. Figure 5B depicts the pEYK2 vector in which two-rounds of site-directed mutagenesis were performed on pMX to alter to internal ATG codons (residues 1355 and 1847)(SEQIDNO:14) of the gag packaging sequence to SEQ ID NO:15.--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 58, line 5 through page 60, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Primer Pair 1

1759 AAAGGACCTTACACAGTCCTGCTGA (SEQ ID NO:3)  
 3291 CACCACAGGTAATGCTTTTACTGGC (SEQ ID NO:4)

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